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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Continuation of 08/750,776

Filed: June 7, 2000

For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRETHROMBOTIC STATE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

June 7, 2000

Sir:

*A* Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, before line 1, insert Cross Reference to Related Application

*A* This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial Number  
08/750,776, filed December 19, 1996, which is a continuation application under 37  
C.F.R. § 1.53(d) of prior application serial number 08/750,776 filed on December 14,  
1998, the disclosure is hereby incorporated by reference.--

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

✓ Cancel claims 1-35 without prejudice and insert the following new claims:

✓ *AC1* --36. A method for determining an amount or presence of a member selected from